

*Activities Team at Marriott's Surf Club applauded for their great initiatives*

## Marriott Donates 7,040 Florin To The Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation

PALM BEACH – On November 1st 2009 during the pink walk organized for the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation, Marriott's Ocean Club & Surf Club Activities Manager Shuraima Henriquez donated a check of 7,040 florins to Ms. Enrita Werleman, President of the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation.

During the month of October Marriott's Aruba Surf Club Activities department dedicated their time and devotion to organize weekly events on Thursdays to create awareness for the Breast Cancer awareness month and to support local foundation Mary Joan Breast Cancer.

With activities such as creating pink ribbon tie die T-Shirts and pink ribbon beads, funds were raised by the Activities department.

Calendars, T-shirts, cakes and other merchandise were sold to generate more donations. The final event for the breast cancer awareness month took place on October 22nd with a pink walk organized by Marriott.

Other participating hotels, Playa Linda, La Cabana, Holiday Inn, the Mill Resort, Radisson, Hyatt, Amsterdam Manor, the Aruban and AHATA joined the "hotels for a cure" pink walk. The walk route started between the road between La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club and Amsterdam Manor on Eagle Beach and ended its path at the Aruba Marriott Resort & bStellaris Casino.



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## Valero disclosed tax ruling's effect

ORANJESTAD - Yesterday San Antonio-based Valero Energy Corp. disclosed in a public filing the effect of a Dutch ruling in a tax dispute related to the company's Aruba refinery.

The dispute centers on a tax abatement the government of Aruba had granted Valero's refinery through the end of 2010. But after the abatement was in effect, Aruba adopted a new tax, saying the tax subsidy for the plant had ended, Valero spokesman Bill Day said.

An arbitration panel in the Netherlands ruled this week that Valero is entitled to a tax exemption through 2010, but "it didn't discuss

the legality of the new tax, or what it should do with the money collected from Valero that is in escrow," Day said.

The ruling by the panel in the Netherlands supersedes the decision by the tax court of Aruba, an island in the Caribbean that is a separate self-governing part of the Netherlands. □



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At The Westin Resort, Aruba

# Top associates commended



PALM BEACH – Recently, all associates and management of The Westin Resort, Aruba were invited to attend a special luncheon in the resort's Cabaret Royale in honor of the nominees for Brand Champion of the Month for September. The Brand Champion of the Month nominees were nominated by management

for exemplifying Westin's core values, including providing personal touches and personalized services to 'surprise and delight' every guest, proactively anticipating guests' needs and making them feel special, and recognizing the special touches offered by Westin to help guests restore the body, expand the mind,

and elevate the spirit so they leave not only rested, but also renewed and enriched. The nominated associates are recognized for inspiring their co-workers and making the extra efforts to improve their departments and go above and beyond expectations.

During a beautiful lunch buffet spread produced by the Westin's culinary and banquet teams, the following were named top of the class: From Heart of the House for September—Swinda Hoek



from Purchasing for her willingness to take on extra duties in the Accounting department and her outstanding ability to seamlessly manage the extra work with her regular duties; from Front of the House for September—Josefina Moreno from the Food & Beverage department

for her personal touch with every guest interaction in the Bon Bini Café, and her innate ability to anticipate the needs of guests.

Pictured here are the winners and nominees being congratulated by General Manager Richard Roy. Congratulations to all! □





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*Coinciding with the annual meeting of the Fire Chiefs of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba with their Dutch twinning partners*

## St. Maarten and Dordrecht sign Fire Departments twinning pact

DORDRECHT--The Fire Departments of St. Maarten and the Dutch city of Dordrecht signed a twinning agreement Wednesday. Exchanges of information, knowledge and skills are the most important aspects of this cooperation.

"It is a unique day," said Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards, who signed the agreement on behalf of the Island Territory of St. Maarten.

"We are home," said St. Maarten Fire Chief Winston Salomon at the signing ceremony at the Dordrecht Fire Department.

St. Maarten had initially strived for a twinning relationship with Dordrecht a few years ago, but because Dordrecht was in the middle of a big reorganisation, and because Saba and St. Eustatius already worked with the Fire Department of The Hague, it was decided to join the cooperation agreement with that Fire Department. St. Maarten went back to its original plan to work with Dordrecht after The Hague became the official twinning partner of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES islands).

The cooperation agreement first with The Hague and now with Dordrecht stems from the project to improve the Fire Departments and Safety in the Netherlands Antilles. The policy plan from that project has been executed, said Salomon. The St. Maarten Fire Department has come a long way since the start of the implementation of

the improvement plan, some 10 years ago. Many improvements have been realised with the assistance of local government. And the future looks even better, he added. The Fire Departments of Dordrecht and St. Maarten will assist each other with educational material, drafting plans, information on new techniques, new structures of disaster management, exchanging knowledge and giving trainings. Two members of the Dordrecht Fire Department are currently in St. Maarten for training purposes.

The cooperation won't be a one-way thing focusing on what the Dutch twinning partner can give, however, explained Dordrecht Fire Chief Anton Slofstra. "We can also learn from St. Maarten. St. Maarten has a complex care area. There is no municipality in the Netherlands on the scale of St. Maarten with so many responsibilities, with a harbour [and] an airport," he said.

When you have so many responsibilities, it is a challenge to make the right choices, said Slofstra, who worked in St. Maarten as technical assistant in 1998. "You can't do everything, so you have to set priorities. It is important to realise as much as possible with what you have," he said.

With St. Maarten becoming a country in October 2010, the performance of the Fire Department has to improve even more. "The people deserve that," said

Salomon. Slofstra added it was important to keep developing, which always would present more of a challenge on a small island. Salomon said he was proud of his organisation. "People have their hearts in the right place, and that is what we need to prepare for country status."

Dordrecht Mayor Ronald Bandell said becoming a country meant hard work, especially because of the time factor. "The date 10-10-10 is easy to say, but it means more responsibilities for Police, the Fire Department [and] Disaster Management." He said that everyone hoped the constitutional reform would ultimately lead to a better living standard for the people. Twinning relations can contribute to that.

"Twinning is the result of knowing and being known. The islands are small, but so is the Netherlands. We can do things together – exchange knowledge and experience – not because we are big and St. Maarten is small. It would be wrong for us to determine and decide. We can learn from each other and show that it can also be nice in the Dutch Kingdom," he said.

Commissioner William Marlin said he was happy the St. Maarten and Dordrecht Fire Departments would be cooperating. "Cooperation leads to improvement and an even more professional St. Maarten Fire Department," he said. Wednesday's signing ceremony coincided with the annual meeting

of the Fire Chiefs of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba with their Dutch twinning partners. Present at the week-long programme, chaired this year by St. Maarten, were the fire chiefs of the different islands.

Besides Salomon of St. Maarten, there were: Statia Fire Chief André Bennett,

Saba Fire Chief Julio Every, Curaçao Fire Chief Elvin Regina, Deputy Aruba Fire Chief Edward de Cuba and Bonaire Fire Department Head of Repression Kenneth de Palm. Also present was St. Maarten Fire Department Head of Disaster Management Paul Martens. □

## Special Month of November!

<b>Appetizer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Soup</li> <li>• Onion Soup</li> <li>• Conch Fritters</li> <li>• Escargot</li> <li>• Salad</li> </ul>
<b>Entrée</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fresh Catch of the Day</b> prepared by our local chef just the way you like it.</li> <li>• <b>Jumbo Shrimp</b> from our local waters, breaded served with potato or rice or with garlic tossed over linguine.</li> <li>• <b>Filet Mignon</b> 8 oz. US Tenderloin</li> <li>• <b>Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast</b></li> </ul>
<b>Dessert</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chocolate or Banana Cake</li> <li>• Ice Cream</li> <li>• Coffee / Tea</li> </ul>

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# Jr. Tennis Cup 2009 Competition Registration Deadline is Nov 17th



ROOI SANTO - The 7th annual PriceWaterhouseCoopers Junior Tennis Tournament, organized by Jorge Sanchez, of Sanchez Tennis Services, and generously sponsored by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, is the biggest event in junior tennis on the island.

The tournament has been consistently exciting over the years delivering excellent matches and developing the sport and sportsmanship among local kids. Again this year, the event is endorsed by the Tennis Federation, making it the last official ranking tournament

in 2009.

"We are looking forward for this year's event," says Jorge Sanchez, "and we are inviting parents to sign up their kids for an excellent tournament at the Aruba Racquet Club." Pre-registration is required and parents are encouraged to do so prior to deadline. More

tournament information can be obtained at Aruba Racquet Club or by writing to: [sancheztennis@setarnet.aw](mailto:sancheztennis@setarnet.aw). The PriceWaterhouseCoopers Jr. Tennis Cup 2009, will be played from Nov 19th to Nov 21st, 2009. Deadline for registration is Nov 17th. The tournament categories are as follows: 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 & U, for both Boys & Girls, in a Singles format. The tournament is expected to attract more than 100 players hailing from all local tennis clubs. The daily tournament schedule will feature matches from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., weekdays, and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The PriceWaterhouseCoopers 7th annual Jr. Tennis Cup 2009 will host the closing ceremony on Saturday 21st, 2009, followed by an award ceremony, immediately after the finals. Trophies will be presented by a PriceWaterhouseCoopers company representative. The award ceremony will be followed by a special party,

all players will have an opportunity to network and exchange experiences, win prizes, to live DJ music and drinks.

All participants will be presented with a commemorative Tournament T-shirt.

Sanchez Tennis Services, will host a press conference to officially launch the event on November 13th, at the Aruba Racquet Club, [www.arc.aw](http://www.arc.aw), Tel.: +297-5936263, time to be announced.

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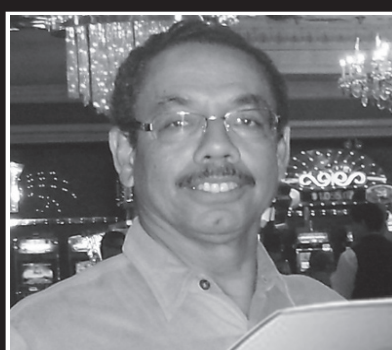


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## \*\*\* Human Hints Daily \*\*\*

*True Human Value*

It is time that we acknowledge the True Value of Human Beings on planet Earth in this Eternal Moment when the Great Universal Shift in Consciousness has begun to unfold. Infinite Human Potential has been driven from our memory and obscured from our vision. We are relentlessly bombarded with energies of fear and disempowerment, and mere

suggestions that we might have personal power are disgraced in our society.

At this moment in Time, our Galaxy, our Solar System, and Earth are aligning and transforming. Since Earth is our inescapable Host, Humans are intimately involved in the transformation. Throughout the three dimensional universe, energetic

alignments of this magnitude are exceptionally rare. Add the fact that Humans are involved, and it might just be a once in a universal lifetime event.

Some schools of thought say that the Earth and Humans have an ancient history with extra-planetary beings who have altered our future. One theory says that they created us, then blocked our evolution in order to maintain control over us. As the story goes, in blocking our evolution, they blocked their own. Now, in order for them to evolve and grow, we must choose to do so first.

It does not matter if the story is true. What matters is Humanity, and that is the point. We are the focus of many Grand Beings from all dimensions. The few Infinite Spirits who are lucky enough to be in a Human Body at this time are the characters in the play, and Earth is Center Stage.

The stage has been set. The structures and paradigms built on the belief in separation and ego have proven unsustainable, and the illusion has just begun to fade.

What will the Humans do? How will they react to the breakdown of old, familiar patterns? Will they accept

the Infinite Power of Creation as their birthright, or remain stuck in their ego?

Don't focus on weather or not the alien stuff is true. It does not matter at all. If we think about aliens, we completely miss the point of thinking about ourselves, and our individual roles in all this. Humans are the point. Aliens are a distraction. Humans need to be concerned and occupied only with themselves right now. This is a grand opportunity to embrace our personal power and accept the ultimate responsibility of Unlimited Conscious Creation.

Never doubt that every single Human Being possesses infinite value, and the decisions you make in these ensuing days will have a dramatic affect on the energy involved throughout the Galaxy. Every person makes a huge difference. You would not be here if you were not integrally important.

We each need to focus on our conscious intent behind every action and decision. Do we act from the old paradigm of separation and ego, or do we allow Love and her handmaiden Grace to escort us to the next dimension of personal expression, while still in our bodies? Do we

seek to help and empower others, or do we empower ourselves at the expense of others?

With each intention throughout each day, we either allow the inevitable transformation to embrace us, or we shun Love and cling to the old ways.

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~**Quentin Danziger**

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With recent promotions

# Rocheline, Luc make career strides at Playa Linda



ORANJESTAD – Rocheline Roos and Luc Broekman are examples of the many success stories at the popular timeshare property of the Playa Linda Beach Resort,



having joined the team in entry-level positions and now serving executive functions. Rocheline Roos, affectionately known to everyone as “Roosje”, received well-deserved recognition of her excellent work with a promotion to Assistant Front Office and Reservations Manager. Similarly, Robert Luc Broekman, who is known simply as Luc, has made his own career strides, having recently earned the position of Chief Engineer.

Along with her positive attitude, Roosje proved she had the abilities and drive to excel.

She worked for three years as a front office clerk/cashier before receiving her first promotion to Senior Reservations Agent. In another two years she earned the responsibilities of Front Office & Reservations Supervisor. Her diligence brought her to her recent accomplishment and new position as the Assistant Front Office and Reservations Manager.

Luc first experience at the Playa Linda was working security on a contract basis in 2002. He officially became part of the team in 2004 when he joined the Maintenance Department as the building supervisor.

He quickly proved himself and was rewarded a year later with the appointment to the position of Assistant Chief Engineer. This year he has two reasons to celebrate his



accomplishments, he marks the milestone of five years with the resort as well as his promotion to Chief Engineer. Behind much of Roosje’s and Luc’s success has been eagerness to improve and grow in their respective careers. Roosje sought to hone her skills on the job as well as through continuing education courses.

Through her years at the Playa Linda she has successfully participated in a number of courses, including English Business Writing, Time Management, Management Development

Program, Coaching Skills for Managers & Supervisors, How to Discipline Employees and Correct Performance Problems, Supervisory Techniques, and Customer Service.

Similarly, Luc has also taken advantage of courses offered through the Playa Linda, having participated in courses including How to Discipline Employees and How to Correct Performance Problems, Solar Energy Resort Training and Customer Service Training. Both Roosje and Luc are wished continued success on the job at the Playa Linda. □

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Afterwards, Marriott hosted an amazing balloon fashion show. With cooperation of the KOMA models, beauty team and MC of the fashion show, Rona Coster, beautiful dresses made of balloons by Marriott's Surf Club Activities Supervisor Gislaine Croes were presented in Marriott Resort's lobby. This never-done-before event in Aruba was a great success with all proceeds donated to the Mary Joan Breast

Cancer Foundation. The Aruba Marriott would like to thank Rona Coster, the Koma models and Martin of Beauty Team and all hotels that participated in the pink walk. A special thank you goes out to Marriott's Surf Club Activities team for the excellent job they have done in October supporting the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation and raising over 7,000 florin. Way to go! □



## Westin receives appreciation plaque from SITE



PALM BEACH -- The Westin Resort, Aruba received a plaque from SITE ( Society of Incentive Travel Executives ) in grateful appreciation for the Westin's contribution to the success of the 2009 SITE International Conference held here on the island October 30 - November 2, 2009. The event's planner, Heather Nash, mentioned that in her 20-plus years of event planning, her experience with the destination of Aruba and Westin in her planning of this conference was one of the best she has had.

SITE members represent the top meeting, convention, and incentive travel executives around the world. Hosting the organization's annual international conference was an opportune time to showcase the island and all that it has to offer for destination events, meetings, and conventions. The impact of the success of this conference and the great experiences the travel executives had on the island and with host hotel Westin will lead to the welcoming of many groups to Aruba over the next several years. □



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## At Casa Tua Barcelona

### Casa Tua Barcelona presents "El Sabor de Barcelona"



On Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> Restaurant Casa Tua Barcelona together with Pepia Est Trading Company are creating a deliciously fun evening aptly named 'El Sabor de Barcelona'.

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The menu consists of: Gazpacho, a Traditional Cold Spanish Tomato Soup paired with Villa Sandi Valdobbiadene Prosecco, Italy WS86 followed by a



Chorizo al Sidra which is a Spanish Sausage served in a Cider Sauce paired with Bodegas Julian Chivite, Gran Fuedo Rosé, Spain 2005 WS87. For the main course, you have the choice of Grouper 'Ballotine' which is a Grouper Fillet stuffed with crab meat along with light white butter sauce and Morels Mushrooms served with Mezzacorona Chardonnay, Italy 2007 WS87 Or The Butcher's Cut which is a Grilled Hanger Steak with a Shallots Sauce paired with Campo Viejo Gran Reserva, Rioja 2001 WS85.

The evening will culminate with a Rainbow Sabayon complimented by Mumm Demi Sec, Argentina NV.

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# Fun, food and bargains at the Fiesta Kibrahacha this coming Sunday, Nov 8



**PIEDRA PLAT** - Annually, Aruba looks forward to many holiday traditions as the season swings into action, and one of those landmark events is Fiesta Kibrahacha, at their center in Piedra Plat. Centro Kibrahacha provides activities



and social events for retirees over sixty, keeping over 200 members busy and stimulated by learning new skills and social activities.

Each year, the center raises funds for their holiday celebrations by conducting their annual fair, a full day of family fun, with activities, island food at great prices and local bands performing.

Volunteers man the various stalls where great bargains can be found on clothing and shoes, pottery and used books, plants, home baked treats and sundries from the mini-market. All through the year, the members of Centro Kibrahacha create beautiful seasonally-themed handicrafts, and visitors to the event are sure to find something that will provide

the perfect festive touch to their holiday décor.

Centro Kibrahacha performs a valuable service for the community throughout the year, caring for and providing for Aruba's elderly, but all ages enjoy this annual event beginning at 10:00 AM. For more information and direction to the Centro Kibrahacha call telephone # 588-3131. □



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## Two acid bomb throwers sentenced to probation

PHILIPSBURG--More than a year after throwing an acid bomb into the middle of a group of Bonaire delegates at Rupert I. Maynard Youth Community Centre in St. Peters on April 25, 2008, the young men responsible received no prison sentences in court Wednesday.

However, Joel Ricaldo Rosario (22), charged with attempted aggravated assault and jointly committing violence against persons, received conditional sentence of four months' imprisonment with two years' probation and 100 hours of community service.

Carlito Javier Meyers (16), also charged with attempted aggravated assault and jointly committing violence against persons, received two years' probation and 70 hours' community service.

The Dutch Caribbean School competition was ongoing at the time of the incident. The Bonaire delegation, when attacked, were sitting on the steps outside the building where they were being housed as part of approximately 350 athletes from Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius, and host St. Maarten, competing in swimming, track and field, soccer, volleyball and softball.

When the glass container containing the acid broke, some of the liquid splashed on the Bonaire coach's leg. He received medical treatment for the wound. The delegation had to be moved from the centre for the remainder of the competition as a safety precaution. □

## Mega cannabis cafe trial delayed by photo

The major court case surrounding the Checkpoint cannabis cafe in the border town of Terneuzen was suspended on Thursday after new evidence turned up, Nos tv reports.

A journalist from news agency ANP has given the public prosecution department a photograph featuring the cafe's owner and the former mayor of Teurneuzen together on the Caribbean island of Curacao, Nos says.

ANP does not mention the photograph in its article. ANP does say the judges have called for an additional investigation.

The role of the town council is central to the defence, which is arguing the local authority was well aware how much trade

the cafe was doing and took no action. The council even helped the cafe move to new larger premises with a big car park, defence lawyers claim.

The cafe's owner and 15 members of staff have been charged with membership of a criminal organisation and breaking drugs laws.

Officials claim the Checkpoint served up to 3,000 customers a day and sales totalled 10 kg of cannabis. Coffee shops with more than 500 grammes of cannabis on the premises are not covered by the official policy of turning a blind eye to soft drugs.

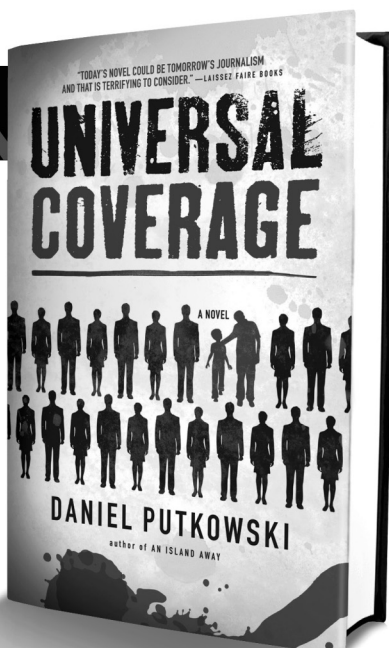
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# Brooks' fate in hands of board as GEBE investigation is completed

~ Johnson steadfast in his support ~

PHILIPSBURG--The fate of GEBE Managing Director William Brooks reportedly will be known when GEBE's Supervisory Board of Directors and Shareholder Foundation meet some time in the very near future to discuss the findings of the investigation into GEBE's operations commissioned by the supervisory board.

Usually reliable sources have indicated that the report of the investigation, conducted by Curaçao-based firm De Pau and Vesseur, reflects negatively on Brooks' managing of the company and as such could give the board grounds to initiate his dismissal.

The board had requested investigations into Brooks' actions, the handling of

company finances and the operational actions of some department managers, among other things.

In an invited comment, supervisory board member Will Johnson was adamant in his support for Brooks, re-iterating his opinion that Brooks had not been given a fair chance to run the company "from day one."

Johnson said he had always maintained, and had informed the Island Council of St. Maarten, that a former managing director (Julius Lambert) should not have been appointed to the board for a year or as Chairman of the board for three years.

This, he said, goes against good governance laws of the company.

He likened the situation at GEBE to a personal vendetta against Brooks by Lambert and said meetings of the board were being called to handle "nonsensical issues" as it pertains to this vendetta.

"Maybe if he (Brooks) was given a fair chance to run the company, maybe all these problems wouldn't be there. I am not going to support any move to move him out. Rest assured, I will continue supporting him unless solid proof is brought to me showing that he has done something major against the company. I

think that he's been obstructed from running the company from day one," Johnson said.

When asked whether his position of support might change if the investigation report was damning towards Brooks, Johnson said he did not expect a smoking gun. "I don't expect the report to be different," he said.

"We were asked to condemn the man even before the report that the board requested was completed. I can't agree with that. How are you going to condemn the man and ask for him to be dismissed

regardless of the outcome of the investigation? That was the basis under which I was asked to vote at the last meeting and I absolutely refused. I did give my okay to do the report, but I'm not going to condemn the man before seeing the results," Johnson added.

He continued: "I've been in politics a long time and have never been through a situation like this. Confucius said, 'When you embark on a journey of revenge make sure you dig two graves first: One for yourself and one for the person you intend to kill.'" □

## Airport, harbour in Central Committee

PHILIPSBURG--The management and boards of Princess Juliana International Airport and St. Maarten Harbour Group of Companies are to meet with the Central Committee on Monday. The meetings with all major government-owned companies were requested by opposition Democratic Party (DP) in September. DP wants to learn the current state of affairs with the public companies, their financial standing and investments.

Central Committee chairman George Pantophlet (NA) said Wednesday that the airport will definitely meet with the committee but the harbour is still tentative for Monday.

Utilities company GEBE is also expected to meet with the Central Committee next week but a date still has to be pinned. St. Maarten Telephone Group of Companies met with the Central Committee several weeks ago. □

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# Immediate Action St Maarten Motivated by ITTF Development Programme



The winners at the Rotary Club tournament in St Maarten

Argentina's Leandro Olvech, the ITTF Co-ordinator of Development Programmes conducted a highly successful ITTF/PTT Level One Course from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October 2009 in the Netherlands Antilles. The course, held under the auspices of Olympic Solidarity and the ITTF Development Programme, lasted five days and was clearly enjoyed by all and has proved the source of motivation; most certainly the effects have been realised sooner than expected. Certainly Rignald Eugenio who attended the course has most certainly been motivated. Recently he used the knowledge gained to help the Rotary Club in St. Maarten organise a youth tournament, an event which was first held in 2008.

## Wider Catchment Area

"Last year it was only for the students of table tennis coach Franklin Radjouki; this year we sent letters to all primary and secondary schools, inviting their best top players to take part in the tournament", explained Rignald Eugenio. "A total of thirty children including all four secondary schools and seven primary schools signed up for the tournament." It was a pleasing number and more motivation for Rignald Eugenio.

## Four Events

"Fourteen girls and sixteen boys, the youngest player was six and the oldest 14 years, took part", continued Rignald Eugenio. "The tournament was held in the Great Bay Sports Auditorium in Philipsburg with

four competitions being staged." The competitions comprised Boys' and Girls' Singles event for primary school children and the same for secondary school children.

## Siblings Duel

"Play started at 10.00am with matches being best of three games, the semi-finals were best of five games and the finals, best of seven", explained Rignald Eugenio.

"The most exciting game was the one between six year old Josiah Pantophlet and his 11 year old brother Rory of the St. Peters Hillside Christian Schools; Josiah lost three-nil but only lost the last game 11-13; he finished in tears and laughter."

## Tears and laughter?

Mixed Emotions "Crying because he didn't wanted to lose and at the same time he was laughing when his brother couldn't return his smashes", smiled Rignald Eugenio. "Rory became the primary school champion brushing aside Valentine van Putten from Dr. Martin Luther King School four-nil in the final."

## Winners

Gold for Rory Pantophlet, whilst in the primary school age group girls' category, the victor was Lissandra Fleming. She beat Tenia Arrindell in seven games in the final; two girls who started to play table tennis in the month of June of this year. New faces but that was not the case in the secondary schools division, where the defending champions Alfredo Richardson and Sharnel Neale retained their titles.

## Social Importance



Finalists at the Rotary Club tournament in St Maarten

"St. Maarten has only one dedicated table tennis coach, Franklin Radjouki but about two weeks ago four people attended the ITTF Level One Coaches Course, which was held in Curaçao under guidance Leandro Olvech and it is their intention to introduce the table tennis in other districts", said

Rignald Eugenio. "By doing this they will promote the sport and at the same time alleviate poverty and help fight the raising crime rate among the youth in St. Maarten. If a meaningful activity for the youth in the area can be organised then table tennis has fulfilled and will fulfil an important role.

## Para Table Tennis

*Photos by Rignald Eugenio*

Also, Para Table Tennis has not been forgotten.

Debra Warner recently returned from Curaçao and has been approached by the sports department to coach table tennis to disabled athletes so that next year they can compete in a tournament in Puerto Rico. □

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*Fashion designer honored for her skill at child's play*

# Something to sea: Island-inspired togs are child's play for designer



Holli Gibson with her Rising Star Award at Fashion Group International's gala. ( John Dittiro )

**By Suzanne S. Brown**

Holli Gibson has been a fashion designer for 20 years, but until she started her children's-wear company last year, she hadn't specialized in pint-sized consumers.

So now she finds herself having to please little girls, as well as their mothers — and sometimes their grandmothers.

One group Gibson didn't have trouble pleasing was the Denver affiliate of Fashion Group International, which recently gave her its 2009 Rising Star Award.

The honor is presented to a designer who has had a business less than five years. It comes with bragging rights but no cash, for money raised at the event goes to FGI's education programs.

Gibson, who loves tropical climates and scuba diving, in 2008 created her company, LamanBlu.

The name means "blue sea" in Papiamentu, the language spoken on the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. While she says she loves living in the foothills of Colorado, the islands are "a great source of inspiration because they are so beautiful."

For Gibson's spring collection, one of the groups is nautically themed and made from linen.

The dresses are trimmed with real shell buttons, freshwater pearls and rope ties. Still, the clothes are machine washable and durable.

"After you have kids, you realize how much fun they are to work with," she says. Gibson says she tests designs on her 4-year-old daughter, Savannah Faith, and assorted friends.

"(Children's clothing) is a wonderful business and industry," she says. "Sometimes we get wrapped up in taking ourselves too seriously, but children don't take anything too seriously. They live the joy." The challenge might be how rough and tumble kids can get when wearing a dress that costs \$60 or separates that are \$50-\$80, typical prices on LamanBlu designs.

"I like to blur the lines between everyday clothes and special-occasion clothes," Gibson says. "We're not talking about clothes to play in the mud, but when a child has on leggings and a swing T-shirt, that can be everyday wear. But a lace blouse is more special. These are meant to be passed down." She also notes that stores have the option of buying her designs without beading and other details.

So what makes a person open an upscale children's-wear

business during a recession?

"Now is a good time to start something because you're not going to go gangbusters and start off big," says Gibson. "I knew I could start off on a smaller scale and grow at a manageable pace."

The market segment she picked makes sense because rather than try to compete on the low end of the market with large companies such as Wal-Mart, she reasoned she could manufacture her goods in

Colorado in small batches and control distribution to selected stores.

"The apparel business is all about the details. Starting out small gives us time to be meticulous about those things," Gibson says.

Retailers seem to agree with her philosophy and choice of eco-conscious fabrics.

"She uses very nice fabrics that are both soft and functional," says Kathy Messenger, owner of Three Blind Mice in Centennial, one of the stores carrying LamanBlu. "She pays attention to the fact that the clothes are going on children and you need to be able to wash them."

Her combination of bamboo and spandex looks nice and feels good, keeps its shape and washes well. I also like the way she puts colors together. She steps out of the box."

Gibson said the line has taken off faster than expected, and she has sold through her fall inventory and added sales reps faster than originally planned.

"Even in a poor economy, retailers of high-end children's wear know their customers and continue to sell," she says.

At Oklahoma State University, she got a degree in apparel design. She went to Dallas after graduating and worked as a

patternmaker and designer for several manufacturers who sold to such retailers as J.C. Penney. She has also designed products for both small and large stores, including Nordstrom and Victoria's Secret.

Close to 400 people turned out for FGI's Rising Star event, held at Mercedes-Benz of Westminster. David Jacobs, founder of Boulder-based Spyder Active Sports, was honored as the "Star Legend" at the event. A selection of the company's winter ski and snowboard clothing opened the show.

Ten other people who were vying for the Rising Star honors got to show their work on the runway, as well, including Julie Hill and Lisa Welch for Born Fit; Stephanie Ohnmacht for Smooch; Susan Kiely for SK Designs; Maureen de Haan for Denver Couture; Phoebe Stapleton for Sierra Designs; Rustin Coburn and Noah Price for DVLP; and Eulanda Sanders and Andrea Li.

The fifth biennial FGI gala was chaired by Scottie Taylor Iverson. Honorary chairs were Frances Owens, executive vice president of the Galloway Group and former Colorado first lady, and her daughter Monica Owens. □



Holli Gibson's LamanBlu collection for fall includes girls' dresses that are made from a stretchy bamboo fabric. ( Erik Sear )



### 27th Heaven



The New York Yankees celebrate after winning the Major League Baseball World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2009, in New York. The Yankees won 7-3.

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## Obama: U.S. must reverse course with Indians

By BEN FELLER, Associated Press Writer Ben Feller, Associated Press Writer – 2 hrs 29 mins ago  
WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama assured American Indians on Thursday that they have a place in his White House and on his agenda, telling tribal leaders their marginalized community deserves more from its government. “I get it. I’m on your side,” Obama told the largest gathering of tribal leaders in U.S. history. Obama devoted part of his own time Thursday and even more of his administration’s attention toward renewing



Wearing a tradition headdress, Marcus Levings, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, gestures as he asked President Barack Obama a question, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, during the White House Tribal Nations Conference, held at the Interior Department in Washington.

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relations with American Indians. He opened a conference that drew leaders from 386 tribal nations — the first meeting of its kind in 15 years — and he ordered every Cabinet agency to take more steps toward more cooperation.

The president returned to the event at the Interior Department late in the day for closing remarks, as scheduled, but he altered his message to address a deadly shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas.

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## Army: 12 dead, 31 hurt in attacks at Texas base



Army Lt. Gen. Robert Cone gives a news conference after a shooting in Fort Hood, Texas on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009.

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A military mental health doctor facing deployment overseas opened fire at the Fort Hood Army base on Thursday, setting off on a rampage that killed 11 other people and left 31 wounded. Authorities killed the gunman, and the violence was believed to be the worst mass shooting in history at a U.S. military base.

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In this Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 file photo, Tornado warplanes of the Saudi Air Force fly over the Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh during a graduation ceremony at King Faisal Air Force University. According to Arab diplomats speaking on condition of anonymity, Saudi Arabian Tornado and F-15 warplanes have bombarded targets inside Yemen since Wednesday afternoon, inflicting significant casualties on the Yemeni Shiite rebels.

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## Saudis bomb Yemen rebels across border

AHMED AL-HAJ and SALAH NASRAWI

*Associated Press Writers*

SAN’A, Yemen (AP) — Saudi Arabia sent fighter jets and artillery bombardments across the border into northern Yemen Thursday in a military incursion apparently aimed at helping its troubled southern neighbor control an escalating Shiite rebellion, Arab diplomats and the rebels said.

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President Barack Obama listens to question while attending the White House Tribal Nations Conference, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at the Interior Department in Washington.

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He said his administration would get answers to every question about the

incident.

Obama's outreach to tribal leaders amounted to a campaign promise kept from a president who got significant

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support from Native Americans on his way to the White House.

It comes as American Indians remain entrenched in a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, claiming the government has long swindled them out of land royalties.

Obama said he didn't blame tribal leaders for skepticism about another politician offering hopeful words. But he said he has no interest in going through the motions of just holding a summit with them.

The president seemed to connect best when he told his audience that he was like them: an "outsider" who grew up without a father, moved around a lot, and understood what it was like to struggle and be ignored.

"You will not be forgotten as long as I'm in this White House," Obama said to a sustained ovation.

Whether that promise results in action over the next few years will be the test. In a question-and-answer session, audience members pressed Obama for government help on a litany of matters, from more respect for sovereignty rights to environmental cleanup to concerns about offshore drilling.

One leader pleaded with Obama to find a way to make the federal commitment lasting, so that it would not be at the

whim of White House elections. In the process, the speaker predicted Obama would win re-election, which apparently stuck with the president as he pledged to enforce the laws of the land.

"For the next eight years — the next four years at least, let me not jump the gun," Obama said, catching himself. He finished the thought more narrowly by saying that for "the next three years and one month" of his term that he would ensure a new relationship is in place.

During the conference, agency officials and tribal leaders discussed problems facing American Indians, including economic development, education, health care, public safety and housing. The president signed a memo calling on every cabinet agency to give him a detailed plan to improve the relationship between the government and tribal communities.

He has made good on pledges to hold the summit and to give American Indians a prominent voice on his senior staff — and he reminded the audience of that.

"We respect you as a man of your word," responded Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians. □

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The shooting began around 1:30 p.m. EDT, when shots were fired at the base's Soldier Readiness Center, where soldiers who are about to be deployed or who are returning undergo medical screening, said Lt. Gen. Bob Cone at Fort Hood.

"It's a terrible tragedy. It's stunning," Cone said.

A law enforcement official identified the shooting suspect as Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

Two other soldiers taken into custody following the deadly rampage were later released, the office of a Texas congressman said. A spokesman for Rep. John Carter says Fort Hood officials informed Carter's office of the release. Carter's congressional district includes the Army base.

A Fort Hood spokesman could not confirm that the two had been released.

It was unclear what the motive was. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said the Army major was about to deploy overseas, though it was unclear if he was headed to Iraq or Afghanistan and when he was scheduled to leave. Hutchison said she was told about the upcoming deployment by generals based at Fort Hood.

Military officials say Hasan, 39, was a psychiatrist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for six years before being transferred to the Texas base in July.

The officials, who had access to Hasan's military record, said he received a poor performance evaluation while at Walter Reed. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because military records are confidential.

The Virginia-born soldier was single with no children. He graduated from Virginia Tech University, where he was a member of the ROTC and earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry in 1997. He received his medical degree from the military's Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda,

Maryland, in 2001.

At Walter Reed, he did his internship, residency and a fellowship.

Officials were investigating whether Hasan was his birth name or if he may have changed his name, possibly as part of a conversion to Islam. However, they were not certain of his religion.

The Soldier Readiness Center holds hundreds of people and is one of the most populated parts of the base, said Steve Moore, a spokesman for III Corps at Fort Hood. Nearby there are barracks and a food center where there are fast food chains.

A graduation ceremony for soldiers who finished college courses while deployed was going on nearby at the time of the shooting, said Sgt. Rebekah Lampam, a Fort Hood spokeswoman.

Greg Schanepp, Carter's regional director in Texas, was at Fort Hood, said John Stone, a spokesman for Carter. Schanepp was at a graduation ceremony when a soldier who had been shot in the back came running toward him and alerted him of the shooting, Stone said. The soldier told Schanepp not to go in the direction of the shooter, he said.

The wounded were dispersed among hospitals in central Texas, Cone said.

Lisa Pfund of Wisconsin says her daughter, 19-year-old Amber Bahr, was shot in the stomach but was in stable condition. "We know



A swat team enters the main gate at Fort Hood, Texas, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009. A soldier opened fire at a U.S. Army base in Fort Hood, unleashing a stream of gunfire that left 12 people dead and 31 wounded. Authorities killed the gunman, and apprehended two other soldiers suspected in what appears to be the worst mass shooting at a U.S. military base.

nothing, just that she was shot in the belly," Pfund told The Associated Press. She couldn't provide more details and only spoke with emergency personnel.

Pfund said Bahr joined the reserves when she was 17 to earn money for school and loved being in the military even though none of her friends were interested in joining the Army.

A Fort Hood spokesman said he could not immediately confirm any identities of the injured.

"I ask that all of you keep these families and these individuals in your prayers today," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said.

The shootings on the Texas military base stirred memories of other recent mass shootings in the United States, including 13 dead at a New York immigrant center in April, 10 killed during a gunman's rampage across Alabama in March and 32 killed in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history at Virginia Tech in 2007.

Around the country, some bases stepped up security precautions, but no others were locked down.

In Washington, President Barack Obama called the shooting "a horrific outburst of violence." He said it's a tragedy to lose a soldier overseas and even more

*Associated Press* horrifying when they come under fire at an Army base on American soil.

"We will make sure that we get answers to every single question about this horrible incident," the commander in chief said. "We are going to stay on this."

Covering 339 square miles, Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the United States.

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# U.S. Senate rejects bid aimed at Sept 11 terrorists



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., right, accompanied by Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, to discuss climate change legislation.

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The

Democratic-controlled Senate turned back a Republican-led effort Thursday to bar Sept.

11 terror suspects from being prosecuted in civilian federal courts.

Instead, senators voted 54-45 to support a request by Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Attorney General Eric Holder to have the option of prosecuting Sept. 11 terror suspects such as accused mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in either federal courts or by a military commission. The vote capped an impassioned substantive Senate debate between those who believe the Sept. 11 terrorists simply do not belong in civilian courtrooms and those who say deciding where to prosecute them should be left to the best judgment of the Pentagon and the Justice Department.

Opponents noted that the government prosecuted 195 terrorists in civilian courts since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, with a 91 percent conviction record, and only three terrorists have been tried before military tribunals.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham led the drive to require those accused of

plotting the attacks to be tried in military courts. He said it is wrong to treat the assaults as a criminal act instead of an act of war and that Sept. 11 terrorists do not deserve the same constitutional rights as U.S. citizens.

Supporters of Graham said trials have disclosed intelligence that proved useful al-Qaida. The trial of Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind Egyptian sheik convicted of plotting in the 1990s to blow up New York landmarks, revealed a list of co-conspirators that made its way to Osama bin Laden.

“What happened in the blind sheik trial?” Graham said. “Because it was a civilian court built around trying common criminals, the court didn’t have the protections military commissions will have to protect this nation’s secrets and classified information.”

Democratic opponents of the idea said U.S. courts have processed far more terrorists than military ones and that the decision of where to prosecute the terrorists is best made by the Pentagon and Justice departments working in collaboration.

“Our courts and our criminal justice system can handle this

challenge, indeed, has handled it many times already,” said the Judiciary Committee chairman, Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy. “We’re the most powerful nation on Earth. We’re the most tested court system on Earth. Are we going to tell the world with all our power, with all of our history ... we’re not up to trying people?”

Five of the accused Sept. 11 plotters are being held at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility, which the Obama administration is struggling to close.

Gates and Holder weighed in last week against Graham’s amendment, saying the two agencies are “engaged in a careful case-by-case evaluation of Guantanamo detainees.”

They also said in a letter to Senate leaders that the United States “must be in a position to use every instrument of national power, including both courts and military commissions, to ensure that terrorists are brought to justice.”

Graham’s amendment was co-sponsored by Sens. Joe Lieberman, an independent, and Republican John McCain.

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# Feds: 14 charged in insider trading case

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two attorneys and Wall Street professionals were among 14 people charged Thursday in a widening \$53 million insider trading case that has snared one of America's richest men and shown white collar suspects to be using the cover-up tactics of drug dealers. The actions raise to 20 the number of people who have been charged in the case first disclosed last month with the arrests of Galleon Group founder and hedge fund operator Raj Rajaratnam and five others.

At the time, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara called the first arrests "a wake-up call for Wall Street."

"Today the alarm bells have only grown louder," he said at a news conference Thursday. Bharara said the defendants borrowed a "page from the drug dealer's play book" by using anonymous hard-to-trace prepaid cell phones to dodge detection by law enforcement. He said they also discussed falsifying company files to make it appear trades weren't based on secrets.

"When sophisticated business people begin to adopt the methods of common criminals, we have no choice but to treat them as such," he said.

Two tactics prosecutors routinely use in drug cases — confidential informants and court-authorized wiretaps of phones — were used in

the insider trading probe on a scale wider than ever before. The complaints also described FBI agents trailing suspects as they do in drug cases to spot them passing money between one another. Court papers said agents observed cash appearing to be delivered in "an item that appeared to be approximately the size of a VHS tape."

Bharara said total profits alleged by prosecutors was \$40 million while the Securities and Exchange Commission raised the total to \$53 million, saying it includes millions in profits not described in the criminal complaints.

He said he knew people would ask if the insider trading case was the tip of the iceberg of illicit trading on Wall Street.

"We don't have an answer to that but we aim to find out," he said.

Bharara said eight people were arrested Thursday on securities fraud charges and another five have already pleaded guilty and are cooperating. Another person is still at large, he said. At a bail hearing for Rajaratnam on Thursday, defense attorney

John Dowd criticized the government's case, saying it was "not as overwhelming as the government would like to believe."

A magistrate judge refused a request to reduce Rajaratnam's \$100 million bail but he did relax his travel restrictions to let him travel throughout the United States.

Rajaratnam has denied participating in the scheme to use inside information to trade stocks at a profit ahead of public announcements.

In court papers, new details about the alleged scheme emerged.

According to papers filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Zvi Goffer operated an insider trading network in 2007 and 2008 that included a lawyer who fed tips gleaned from his firm's work on acquisition deals. Goffer, 32, of Manhattan, worked at Shottenfeld Group LLC in Manhattan in 2007 and at Galleon Group for the first nine months of 2008 before he started his own trading firm, the papers said.

The papers put Goffer in a



U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, center, is flanked by Joseph Demarest, left, head of the FBI's New York office, and Robert Khuzami, the Securities and Exchange Commission's director of enforcement, during a news conference in New York, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009. Two attorneys and Wall Street professionals were among 14 people charged Thursday in a widening \$53 million insider trading case that has snared one of America's richest men and shown white collar suspects to be using the cover-up tactics of drug dealers.

Associated Press

central role. The SEC said he was nicknamed "the Octopussy" within the insider trading ring because he had a reputation for having his arms in so many sources of inside information. A criminal complaint prepared by FBI Agent David Makol said Goffer paid others to obtain secrets about public

companies' planned merger and acquisition activity that he then used to execute profitable securities trades.

The complaint said Goffer provided conspirators with prepaid cellular telephones so they could communicate in a way that reduced their chance of detection by law enforcement. □

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# UK's Brown stands firm on Afghanistan



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Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is to defend his government's commitment to Afghanistan in a major speech Friday, saying the war is essential to his country's security, according to excerpts released in advance by his office.

The speech comes after the deaths of seven British soldiers in the past week, including five who were shot and killed by an Afghan police officer they were training. Despite increasing doubt over the country's involvement in the war in Afghanistan, Brown links military action there to safety on Britain's streets.

"We will not be deterred, dissuaded or diverted from taking whatever measures are necessary to protect our security," Brown is to say, according to the excerpts. "When the main terrorist threat facing Britain emanates from Afghanistan and Pakistan; and when, although the sustained pressure in Pakistan, combined with military action in Afghanistan, is having a suppressive effect on al-Qaida, we know that they continue to train and plot attacks on Britain from the region — we cannot, must not and will not walk away."

Britain currently has about 9,000 troops in the country, the majority in the restive southern Helmand province. The force is the second-largest foreign one in the country after the United States,

and Brown recently announced an increase of about 500 soldiers.

Since the start of hostilities in October 2001, 230 British soldiers have died in Afghanistan — more than 90 of them this year alone.

In the speech, Brown is to pay tribute to the military, comparing its efforts to those of soldiers in other wars.

"Just as in the past we learned of the bravery and sacrifice of British soldiers in the First and Second World Wars; in their fight to protect freedom both in our nation and the world; so our children will learn of the heroism of today's men and women fighting in Afghanistan — protecting our nation and the rest of the world from the threat of global terrorism," an excerpt says.

Brown repeated his calls for an inclusive Afghan government, saying recently re-elected President Hamid Karzai's international support depends on what he achieves in key areas.

"He needs a contract with the Afghan people; a contract against which Afghans, as well as the international community, can judge his success," Brown is to say. "International support depends on the scale of his ambition and the degree of his achievement in five key areas: security, governance, reconciliation, economic development, and engagement with Afghanistan's neighbors." □



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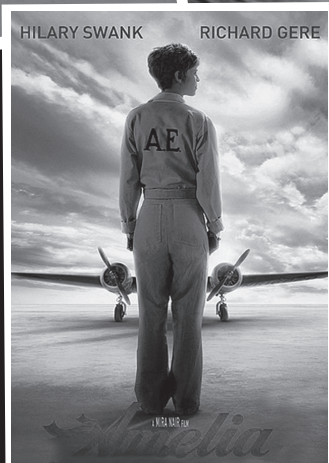
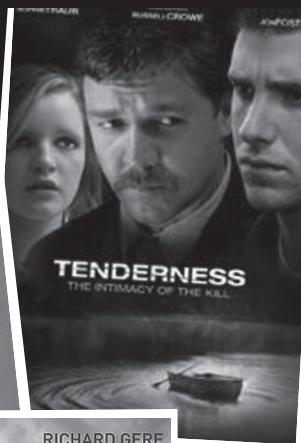
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# Palestinian shock: President says he wants to quit

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**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)** — By announcing he doesn't want another term in office, embattled Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pushed the Mideast peace effort into unknown territory Thursday, opening the way to a succession battle that could play into the hands of his rival, the militant Hamas.

But it also could boost the prospects of a popular candidate who reportedly wants to run for the presidency from his Israeli prison cell.

Abbas blamed his decision on the stalemate in peace talks, but the wording of his televised speech raised speculation that it was not final and could be a tactic for pushing Israel and the U.S. toward a larger compromise.

He said only that it was "desire not to run in the upcoming elections" which are set for January but could be delayed, extending his current term indefinitely.

Abbas took over after the death of Yasser Arafat in 2004, and Western leaders have come to see him as a symbol of moderation. Although criticized as indecisive and associated with the corruption-tainted old guard of his Fatah party, he has given free rein to his prime minister, Salam Fayyad, to reform the West Bank's economy and boost its police, which has resulted in a limited economic upturn.

But the stalemate with Israel overshadows all, and Fatah activists say the party is in a panic, fearing a fragmented slate of candidates that would hand victory to Hamas.

Late last month, Abbas told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that he would not run, but recanted after President Barack Obama called him and expressed his commitment to Mideast peacemaking, Abbas' aides said. A senior Palestinian official told The Associated Press that Abbas informed other Fatah leaders of his latest decision several days ago but didn't tell Obama.

Insiders say he was disheartened by Washington's

refusal to press Israel harder for a freeze on West Bank settlement construction, and that this week's visit by Clinton, when she appeared to side with Israel over the settlement issue, was the last straw.

Abbas has insisted that he won't resume negotiations until Israel stops all construction.

If he were to concede on that issue, Fatah could lose the election. If that happened, the international community would have no one to deal with but Hamas, which denies Israel's right to exist and rejects the two-state solution endorsed by Fatah.

The most attractive candidate to replace 74-year-old Abbas would likely be Marwan Barghouti, 49, who was jailed for life in 2002 for his involvement in fatal Palestinian attacks.

Activists say Barghouti, the top West Bank Fatah official until his arrest, is determined to run from prison. The charismatic Palestinian was once a favorite of Israeli peace activists but turned increasingly militant. His refusal to recognize the Israeli court's right to try him, and his defiant gestures and smiles for the cameras, heightened his popularity among Palestinians.

He ran for president from his cell in 2004 but withdrew under pressure from Fatah leaders. This time, associates say, he is determined to stay in the contest.

Barghouti's incarceration could work both for and against him. It might be difficult for him to campaign from a jail cell, but his nomination could force his release. Also, imprisonment has shielded him from blame for the absence of a peace accord with Israel, a shattered West Bank economy and Hamas in power in Gaza. Yossi Sarid, an Israeli former lawmaker identified with the peace movement, said Israel and the U.S. humiliated Abbas, leading to his decision. "This means that we are probably entering a terrible period where the extremists will run the show," Sarid said.

In case Abbas steps down, Fatah insiders are promoting Nasser al-Qidwa, 50, as a

candidate. He has served as the Palestinian representative at the U.N., is not linked with the corruption that bedevils the party, and has the additional benefit of being Arafat's nephew.

Another potential candidate is Mohammed Dahlan, 48, a one-time Fatah strongman in Gaza. He was recently elected to the top Fatah policy-making body, but he is blamed by many for losing Gaza to Hamas, and is tainted by allegations of corruption.

Hamas spokesman Taher Nunu said he didn't believe Abbas really meant to step down. "His speech wasn't for the Palestinians alone," he said. "It was for the United States and the international community, so they will give him more support in the elections."

After Abbas' speech, Clinton praised his leadership in working toward the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel.

Speaking to reporters in Washington, she ignored a question about whether she would urge Abbas to stay on and saying only that she would go on working with him to advance peace. □



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas gives a speech in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009. The Palestinian President said he doesn't want to run for re-election in the January balloting. Abbas said the stalemate in peace negotiations with Israel prompted his decision not to run again.

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A soldier gestures to an army tank as it is driven along a road during clashes with Shi'ite rebels in the northwestern province of Saada in a photo released October 3, 2009.

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## Zimbabwe's premier ends boycott of unity Cabinet



Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai speaks to journalists at the end of the SADC Troika on Politics, Defence and Security meeting in Maputo, Mozambique, Thursday Nov. 5, 2009. Tsvangirai has called off his party's boycott of the unity government with President Robert Mugabe.

Associated Press

MAPUTO, Mozambique — Zimbabwe's prime minister ended his boycott of his country's unity Cabinet on Thursday, saying he was relenting to give southern African leaders a chance to resolve the problems besetting the coalition. Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai had announced his boycott of the unity government three weeks ago, citing a surge in political violence and accusing longtime President Robert Mugabe of undermining their coalition agreement.

Tsvangirai told reporters he was returning after meeting during a summit in Mozambique's capital with the leaders of Mozambique, Swaziland and Zambia — key members of the 15-member Southern African Development Community. □

The Saudis — owners of a sophisticated air force they rarely use — have been increasingly worried that extremism and instability in Yemen could spill over to their country, the world's largest oil exporter. The offensive came two days after the killing of a Saudi soldier, blamed on the rebels.

Yemen denied any military action by Saudi Arabia inside its borders. But Yemen's president is a key ally of the Saudis, making it highly unlikely the kingdom would have launched the offensive without tacit Yemeni agreement.

A U.S. government official said the Yemenis were not involved militarily in the fighting. The official spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The offensive immediately raised concerns of another proxy war in the Middle East between Iran and Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally. Shiite Iran is believed to favor the rebels in Yemen while Saudi Arabia, which is Sunni, is Iran's fiercest regional rival. The same dynamic has played out in various forms in Lebanon, where Iran supports the Shiite militant Hezbollah and Saudi Arabia favors a U.S.-backed faction, and in Iraq, where Saudi Arabia and Iran have thrown support to conflicting sides in the Sunni-Shiite struggle.

A top Saudi government adviser confirmed "a large

scale" military operation underway on the Saudi-Yemeni border with further reinforcements sent to the rugged, mountainous area.

"It is a sustained operation which aims to finish this problem on our border," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. He said Saudi troops were coordinating with Yemen's army, but Yemen's defense ministry denied the Saudis were inside the country.

The northern rebels, known as Hawthith, have been battling Yemeni government forces the past few months in the latest flare-up of a sporadic five-year conflict.

They claim their needs are ignored by a Yemeni government that is increasingly allied with hard-line Sunni fundamentalists, who consider Shiites heretics.

The rebels said the Saudi airstrikes hit five areas in their northern stronghold Thursday but it was not possible to independently verify the reports. They said there were dead and wounded, and that homes were destroyed. The rebels' spokesman said people were afraid to get near the areas being bombed, making it difficult to count the casualties.

"Saudi jets dropped bombs on a crowded areas including a local market in the northern province of Saada," Hawthith spokesman Mohammed Abdel-Salam told The Associated Press. "They claim they are targeting al-Hawthith, but regrettably they are killing civilians like the government does."

He said the attacks were followed by hundreds of artillery shells from the border.

"So far, three killed have been pulled out of the rubble, including a woman and a child who perished when their houses were bombed and burned down," said Abdel-Salam.

The fighting is more than 600 miles from Saudi Arabia's oil fields on the kingdom's eastern Persian Gulf coast. But northern Yemen overlooks the Red Sea, the world's busiest route for oil tankers.

Two Arab diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity,

said Saudi Tornado and F-15 warplanes had been bombing targets inside Yemen since Wednesday afternoon, inflicting significant casualties on rebels. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to talk to the media.

They said army units and special forces also had been sent to northern Yemen, and that several Saudi towns on the border had been evacuated as a precaution.

State Department spokesman Ian Kelly told reporters he had no information about whether the conflict had spread across the border but expressed Washington's concern over the situation.

"It's our view that there can be no long-term military solution to the conflict between the Yemeni government and the Hawthith rebels," Kelly said. "We call on all parties to the conflict to make every effort to protect civilian populations and limit damage to civilian infrastructure."

The weak central government of Yemen, which has little control outside the capital San'a, is fighting on multiple fronts including the northern rebels and a separatist movement in the south. But the most worrisome is a lingering threat from al-Qaida militants.

The U.S. also fears any Yemeni fighting could spill over into Saudi Arabia and is concerned that Yemen could become a haven for al-Qaida militants hiding out in the nation, at the tip of the Arabian peninsula.

The Yemeni government openly accuses Iran of arming the Hawthith rebels, but there has been no public evidence to back those claims, said Joost Hiltermann, deputy program director of the Middle East program for the International Crisis Group think tank in London.

"I think Iran is probably pleased with what is happening, but that is not the same as saying they are supporting the Hawthith," Hiltermann said.

Simon Henderson, director of Gulf and energy policy at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy in Washington, agreed that there is no clear evidence that Iran funds the rebels. □

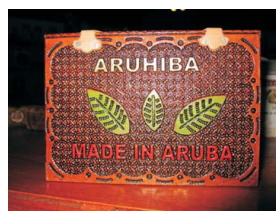
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# Venezuela sends 15,000 troops to Colombia border

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— President Hugo Chavez's government is sending 15,000 soldiers to the border with Colombia, saying the military buildup is needed to increase security, combat drug trafficking and root out paramilitary groups.

The deployment to the Venezuelan border states of Zulia, Tachira, Apure, Amazonas and Bolivar follows shootings involving troops and gunmen that have heightened tensions between the two countries. The latest came Thursday when pro-Chavez lawmaker Iris Varela said Venezuelan soldiers killed a suspected Colombian paramilitary fighter and detained five others near the border.

Venezuela has long complained that Colombia isn't containing the violence from its decades-

long armed conflict involving leftist rebels and right-wing paramilitaries.

Repeating a frequent charge by Venezuela, Vice President Ramon Carrizalez accused Colombia on Thursday of intentionally allowing violence to spill over the border as a means of "destabilizing" Chavez's government.

"Colombia has been creating a pre-war atmosphere," Carrizalez said.

Chavez has also called an agreement giving U.S. military personnel expanded access to Colombian bases a threat to Venezuela's security, but the Venezuelan troop buildup on the frontier has nothing to do with the pact signed last week, officials said.

Colombian Foreign Minister Jaime Bermudez did not address those accusations at a news conference in Bogota on Thursday, but he acknowledged that relations are poor. He said President Alvaro Uribe's

government hopes to ease tensions "by talking, and we're ready to do that."

Venezuela's government did not provide details about Thursday's gunbattle, but Varela said authorities were searching for other militia fighters after the shootout on a farm near the border city of San Antonio in western Tachira state.

Venezuelan officials also have blamed Colombian militiamen for Monday's shooting deaths of two National Guard soldiers near the border. Authorities arrested one suspect — a Venezuelan man — and said they were searching for three more people.

Authorities on Thursday recovered two assault rifles that were stolen from the slain National Guard soldiers, along with a body that had yet to be identified, Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said.

Some of Chavez's critics say the socialist leader is



Venezuela's Vice President and Defense Minister Ramon Carrizales, points out in a map the places where military operations of the "Centinela Plan" will be held to protect the country's borders and its national belongings such as Coltan in Ceden, Venezuela, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009. Coltan is a mineral highly conductive, with several applications in technology such as blackberries and also used in some explosives.

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intentionally picking a fight with Colombia to turn public attention away from pressing domestic problems such as rampant crime, a weak economy and rationing of electricity and water.

National Guard troops detained

about 100 Colombians on Thursday in southwestern Barinas state for allegedly entering the country illegally, National Guard Gen. Vladimir Padrino told the state-run Bolivarian News Agency. □

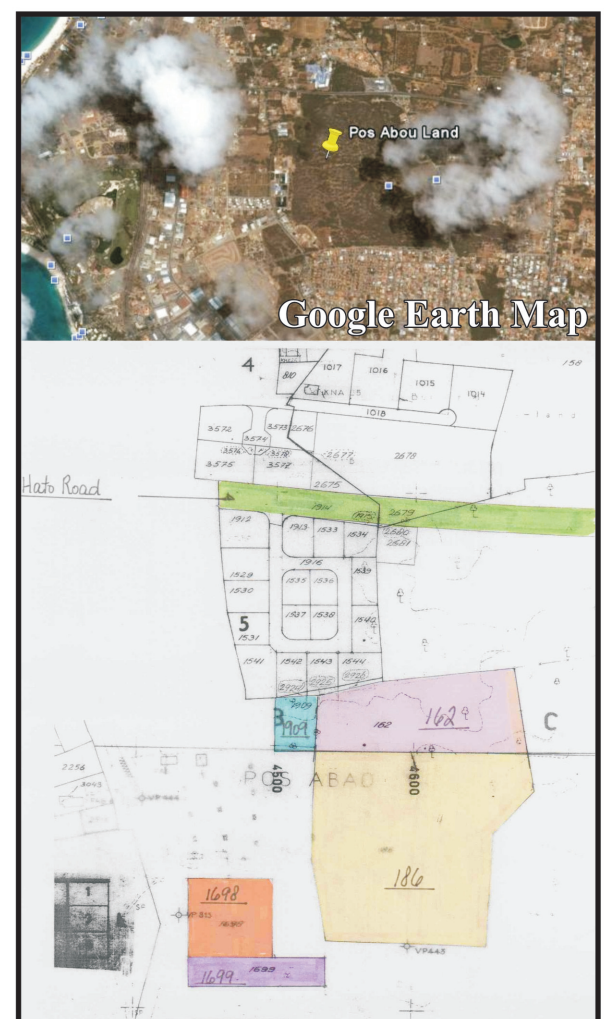
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## Ecstasy in NY! Yankees win title No. 27



The New York Yankees celebrate after Game 6 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, in New York. The Yankees won 7-3.

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## MIKE FITZPATRICK

## AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees have won the World Series, beating the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 in Game 6 behind Hideki Matsui's record-tying six RBIs.

Andy Pettitte won the clincher on Wednesday, pitching the Yankees to their elusive 27th championship and first since 2000.

Matsui homered, doubled and singled, and tied Bobby Richardson's 49-year-old record for RBIs in a Series game. His two-run homer off Pedro Martinez in the second inning started the Yankees on their way.

Mariano Rivera, Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez helped the Yankees wrap up a successful season in their first year at the new \$1.5 billion Yankee Stadium.

It capped a season that started in turmoil — a steroids scandal involving A-Rod, followed by hip surgery that kept him out until May.

"My teammates, coaches and the organization stood by me and now we stand here as world champions," Rodriguez said. "We're going to enjoy it,

and we're going to party!"

For Chase Utley and the Phillies, it was a frustrating end to another scintillating season. Philadelphia fell two wins short of becoming the first National League team to repeat as World Series champions since the 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds.

Ryan Howard's sixth-inning homer came too late to wipe away his World Series slump, and Phillies pitchers rarely managed to slow Matsui and the Yankees' machine.

"It's important in our next couple years to stay afloat," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "I know we can do better."

In a fitting coincidence, this championship came eight years to the day after the Yankees lost Game 7 of the 2001 World Series in Arizona on Luis Gonzalez's broken-bat single off Rivera.

Jorge Posada, Jeter, Pettitte and Rivera — now with their fifth World Series rings — came up together through the minor leagues and were cornerstones for the four titles in five years starting in 1996.

Now, all over 35-years-of-age, they have another success to celebrate. And surely they remember the familiar parade route, up Broadway through the Canyon of Heroes.

"You never know when you're going to get back here," Posada said.

For 79-year-old owner George Steinbrenner, who has been in declining health, it was the seventh championship since he bought the team in 1973.

New York wasted its chance to wrap things up in Game 5 at Philadelphia, then set its sights on clinching the World Series at home for the first time since 1999.

"We're looking forward to this parade," Jeter said.

New York's eight seasons without a championship was the third-longest stretch for the Yankees since their first one, following gaps of 17 (1979-95) and 14 (1963-76).

Reggie Jackson's three homers in Game 6 against the Los Angeles Dodgers made the Yankees champs in '77. On this November night, Matsui delivered a sublime performance at the plate.

"It's awesome," Matsui said through a translator. "Unbelievable. I'm surprised myself."

Playing perhaps his final game with the Yankees, Matsui hit a two-run homer off Martinez in the second inning and a two-run single on an 0-2 pitch in the third.

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Oakland Raiders head coach Tom Cable speaks during an NFL football news conference at Raiders headquarters in Alameda, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009. Cable was accused of attacking assistant Randy Hanson on Aug. 5, 2009, during a meeting at the team's training camp hotel in Napa, Calif. Hanson went to the hospital to get treated for a broken jaw but did not immediately tell authorities who assaulted him. Cable has denied the allegations.

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## Women's group calls for Raiders coach's suspension

JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, California (AP) — The National Organization for Women called on the Oakland Raiders to suspend coach Tom Cable while the NFL team investigates allegations he has a history of violent behavior toward women.

NOW president Terry O'Neill praised the Raiders in a statement for undertaking a "serious evaluation" of charges made by Cable's first wife, Sandy Cable, and former girlfriend, Marie Lutz, that the coach physically abused them at various times during their relationships. But she said that Cable should be suspended while that investigation proceeds. The Raiders had no comment. "This is the National Football League. Boys and girls around the country, as well as many women, look to the leaders of the NFL as our role models," O'Neill said in a phone interview. □



NBA Roundup

# Howard, Anderson help Magic rout Suns 122-100

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Ryan Anderson had 20 and 10 rebounds and Dwight Howard scored 25 as the short-handed Orlando Magic defeated the previously unbeaten Phoenix Suns 122-100 in the NBA on Wednesday.

Playing without injured Vince Carter and suspended Rashard Lewis, the Magic built a 23-point lead in the third quarter to pull away from the Suns.

Amare Stoudemire finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds for Phoenix, which was looking to match the 1984 team for the franchise's best start through five games. Nuggets 122, Nets 94

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Chauncey Billups and Carmelo Anthony woke up unbeaten Denver in a 44-point third quarter to continue its best start since 1985.

The win was the fifth straight for Denver, one shy of the 1985 start, and it handed winless New Jersey a fifth straight loss, tying the worst start in team history, set in 1996.

Chris Douglas-Roberts had 19 points to lead the Nets, who were without All-Star guard Devin Harris and four other injured players.

Celtics 92, Timberwolves 90 At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 12 points and 11 rebounds in his third game back in Minnesota since he was traded in 2007, helping Boston remain undefeated with a victory over the Timberwolves.

Rajon Rondo scored 14 of his 18 points in the third quarter for the Celtics (6-0), who join the Denver Nuggets as the only two teams in the league without a loss.

Oleksiy Pecherov scored a career-high 24 points and Al

Jefferson added 18 points for the Timberwolves.

Heat 93, Wizards 89

At Washington, Dwyane Wade scored 40 points, including a go-ahead jumper with 25 seconds left, to lead Miami over Washington.

It was the first time Wade reached 40 points since a career-high 55 in April against New York.

Wade took the spotlight away from Washington's Gilbert Arenas, who scored 32 but was 9 of 27 from the field.

Pacers 101, Knicks 89

At New York, T.J. Ford scored eight of his 16 points in the final 3:12 for Indiana to win for the first time this season, holding New York without a field goal for the final 9-plus minutes.

Dahntay Jones had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Roy Hibbert added 15 points and 14 rebounds, and Brandon Rush had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers.

Al Harrington scored 22 points for the Knicks, who shot 2-for-17 in the fourth quarter.

Raptors 110, Pistons 99

At Toronto, Andrea Bargnani had 22 points and 12 rebounds for his first double-double of the season, and Chris Bosh scored 25 points as Toronto became the first team this season to score more than 100 points against Detroit.

Ben Gordon had a season-high 30 points, and former Raptors

player Charlie Villanueva and Will Bynum each scored 16 for the Pistons.

Lakers 103, Rockets 102, OT At Houston, Kobe Bryant scored 41 points and Andrew Bynum added 17 points and 17 rebounds as Los Angeles won in overtime for the second straight game, beating Houston.

Carl Landry scored 20 points to lead six players in double figures for Houston. Luis Scola added 16 points and 13 rebounds and Chuck Hayes had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Ron Artest and Trevor Ariza both scored 15 points in their first meeting since they swapped teams in July. Ariza signed with Houston less than a week after Artest left the Rockets to join the Lakers.

Hawks 113, Kings 105

At Sacramento, California, Joe Johnson and Jamal Crawford had 26 points each to help Atlanta beat Sacramento.

Marvin Williams and Mike Bibby each had 13 points for the Hawks (4-1).

Kevin Martin, who was playing with bruised right wrist, had 29 points and 11 rebounds and Jason Thompson added 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings (1-3).

Hornets 114, Mavericks 107, OT

At New Orleans, Peja Stojakovic hit a game-tying 3-pointer in the final seconds



of regulation and Chris Paul scored six of his 39 points in overtime to lift New Orleans over Dallas.

David West scored 25 points and Bobby Brown 18 points for the Hornets, including a 3 and a breakaway dunk in overtime. Emeka Okafor had 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Jason Terry had 35 points and Eric Dampier had 16 points and 14 rebounds for Dallas, which snapped its three-game

winning streak.

**In other NBA games it was, Orlando 122, Phoenix 100; Miami 93, Washington 89; Toronto 110, Detroit 99; Denver 122, New Jersey 94; Indiana 101, New York 89; Boston 92, Minnesota 90; L.A. Lakers 103, Houston 102, OT; New Orleans 114, Dallas 107, OT; Atlanta 113, Sacramento 105; and Golden State 113, Memphis 105.□**

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New York Yankees' Hideki Matsui holds up the MVP trophy after Game 6 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, in New York. The Yankees won 7-3.

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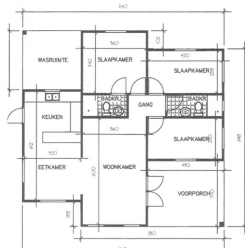
A slumping Mark Teixeira added an RBI single in the fifth off reliever Chad Durbin, and Matsui cracked a two-run double off

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the right-center fence against lefty J.A. Happ.

A designated hitter with bad knees, Matsui came off the bench in all three games at Philadelphia. Still, he had a huge Series, going 8 for 13 (.615) with three homers and eight RBIs. His go-ahead shot off an effective Martinez in Game 2 helped the Yankees tie it 1-all.

Bobby Richardson was the only other player with six RBIs in a World Series game, doing it for the Yankees in Game 3 against Pittsburgh in 1960. Richardson had a first-inning grand slam and a two-run single in the fourth.

Matsui's big hits built a comfortable cushion for a feisty Pettitte, who shouted at plate umpire Joe West while coming off the field in the fourth. Still, Pettitte extended major league records with his 18th postseason win and sixth to end a series.

The 37-year-old left-hander, pitching on three days' rest, became the first pitcher to start and win the clincher in all three postseason rounds. He beat Minnesota and the Los Angeles Angels in the AL playoffs.

Pettitte lasted 5 2-3 innings, allowing three runs, four hits and five walks. Joba Chamberlain and Damaso Marte combined for 1 2-3 innings of scoreless relief before Rivera secured the final five outs.

It had been nearly a half-century since players had won five titles with one team. The last to do it? Of course a bunch of Yankees: Yogi Berra (10 titles), Mickey Mantle (seven) and Whitey Ford (six) in 1962, according to STATS LLC.

For second-year manager Joe Girardi, a three-time Yankees champion as a player, it was the fulfillment of a mission. When he succeeded Joe Torre in October 2007, Girardi chose uniform No. 27, putting his quest on his back for all to see. His tenure didn't start out so well, with New York missing the playoffs in its final season at old Yankee Stadium following 13 consecutive appearances.

A-Rod became a newly minted champion following a sordid spring in which he admitted using steroids from 2001-03 with Texas and then needed hip surgery. □



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# Adelantan las elecciones legislativas de Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuters) - El árbitro electoral venezolano adelantó la fecha de las elecciones a la Asamblea Nacional para septiembre del 2010, lo que presiona al Gobierno del presidente Hugo Chávez y a sus adversarios a seleccionar sus candidatos antes de lo pautado.

Aunque debía ser en diciembre del 2010, la prensa especuló que el Gobierno adelantaría la contienda para dificultar la concreción de acuerdos entre en la dividida oposición, lo que se confirmó con el anuncio de la autoridad electoral.

El Consejo Nacional Electoral (CNE) dispuso como fecha de las celebración de los comicios el 26 de septiembre del 2010.

“No hay, de verdad, ninguna violación ni ninguna alteración del orden constitucional, ni nada por el estilo”, dijo a Reuters José Hernández, miembro de la dirección del partido oficialista Patria Para Todos (PPT).

Sin embargo, Hernández explicó que la Asamblea



**El presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, en la cumbre del ALBA en Cochabamba, Bolivia, 16 oct 2009. El árbitro electoral venezolano acordó celebrar elecciones para la Asamblea Nacional en septiembre del 2010, aunque la fecha prevista era diciembre, lo que presiona al Gobierno del presidente Hugo Chávez y a sus adversarios a seleccionar sus candidatos antes de lo pautado. REUTERS/David Mercado**

actual, con amplia mayoría “chavista”, seguiría en funciones hasta enero del 2011, a menos que se decida

adelantar la toma de posesión de los diputados electos en septiembre.

Los pasados comicios legislativos se efectuaron en diciembre del 2005 y el oficialismo ganó los 167 escaños, después de que

la oposición se retiró en bloque para boicotear la votación acusando al CNE de parcializarse por el Gobierno. Una nueva ley electoral que entró en vigencia semanas atrás supone un difícil reto para los adversarios del mandatario,

ya que elimina el sistema de representación proporcional de minorías y favorece al grupo mayoritario.

Según la nueva legislación, el bloque que obtenga mayoría de votos quedaría sobrerrepresentado en la Asamblea, con hasta el 85 por ciento de los escaños con tan sólo el 51 por ciento de los sufragios, lo que le garantiza la posibilidad de aprobar leyes orgánicas sin trabas.

Sin embargo, aún falta que el CNE establezca los circuitos electorales, pues dependiendo su conformación se determinará el porcentaje de sobrerrepresentación de la mayoría.

El Gobierno busca continuar sentando el piso legal de la “revolución socialista”, mientras que la oposición -compuesta por partidos políticos y organizaciones civiles de ideologías diversas- buscan frenar y revertir su avance.

La selección de los candidatos oficialistas tendrá como último árbitro al mismo Chávez, fundador y presidente del Partido Socialista Unido de Venezuela. □

## Rusia invertirá en Ecuador 2.500 millones de dólares

QUITO (AP) - El canciller Fander Falconí destacó el miércoles una futura inversión de Rusia de unos 2.500 millones de dólares en sectores estratégicos de Ecuador, como uno de los logros de lo que consideró el “exitoso” viaje del presidente Rafael Correa a Moscú la semana pasada. “El portafolio de inversiones llega a cerca de 2.500 millones de dólares, fundamentalmente ligados a sectores estratégicos”, afirmó Falconí al canal Gama Tv.

Falconí no detalló que tipo de inversiones, ni especificó en qué sectores, pero la semana pasada durante la visita de Correa a Moscú, el mandatario ecuatoriano y su par ruso Dmitry Medvedev suscribieron acuerdos sobre la asistencia rusa para construir dos estaciones de energía hidroeléctrica y desarrollar las sustanciales reservas ecuatorianas de petróleo y gas. También firmaron un acuerdo por 22 millones de dólares para que Rusia suministre a Ecuador dos helicópteros de transporte Mi-17 y quedó pendiente la posibilidad de comprar más vehículos de transporte militar. El canciller ecuatoriano evaluó el periplo de Correa como “absolutamente exitoso” en cuanto a fortalecimiento de relaciones político-diplomáticas, integración, intercambio comercial, transferencia de tecnología e inversiones. □

## Colombia califica positiva decisión juez Ecuador para relaciones

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Colombia calificó el jueves como positiva la decisión de un juez de Ecuador que revocó una orden de captura contra el ex ministro de Defensa Juan Manuel Santos y el comandante de las Fuerzas Militares, un fallo que contribuirá a normalizar las relaciones diplomáticas.

Un juez ecuatoriano dejó sin efecto el miércoles la orden de prisión contra Santos y el general Freddy Padilla de León dentro del proceso por el bombardeo de militares colombianos en una zona selvática de Ecuador, en el que murió el líder de las FARC Raúl Reyes y 24 personas más.

“Esto es una señal positiva, es un vaso constructivo que además valida la tesis que incluso desde el punto de vista del debido proceso se habían cometido todo clase de

arbitrariedades”, dijo el ministro de Defensa de Colombia, Gabriel Silva. “Es un paso positivo que no podemos dejar de rescatar”, precisó el funcionario en declaraciones a la radio local.

La decisión del funcionario judicial se produjo un día después de que se reunieron en Ecuador los cancilleres de los dos países, como parte del proceso con el que buscan restablecer las relaciones diplomáticas.

La orden de captura contra Santos y Padilla de León provocó una enérgica reacción de Colombia, que anunció que no reconocía la jurisdicción de la justicia de Ecuador sobre sus funcionarios y provocó la suspensión de una reunión prevista para la normalización de las relaciones diplomáticas retardando el proceso. □



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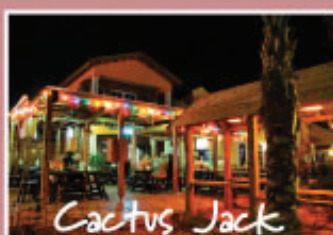


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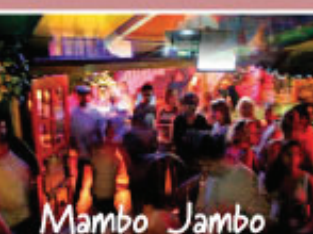
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